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For: Pavement Marking Pattern and Method

Remarks

In response to detailed action wherein claims 1, 5-6 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Dennison (US 7,001,102) herein referred to as Dennison, and in view of Nakazawa (US 5,238,721) herein referred to as Nakazawa.

Dennison discloses a stabilizing body for use in the construction of asphalt roads having a substantially rigid, planar body defining a multi-cell configuration between spaced operative top and bottom sides of the planar body, and in which the cells are defined by surrounding side walls extending from the operative top side of the body towards the operative bottom side of the body and the side walls of each cell have a plurality of projecting, continuously curved, rib formations that project therefrom, without sharp corners that can induce reflective cracks, into the space defined by the cell and that extend substantially parallel to the general plane of the body, the rib formations, in use of stabilizing body, serving to anchor an asphalt composition that is received in the cells for forming a road surface within the cells.

Nakazawa discloses a tile floor structure comprising a flat floor surface, tiles disposed thereon and a joint interposed between adjacent tiles where the tiles have a shape such that a periphery of one of the tiles is adjusted to the peripheries of adjacent tiles by a joint. The peripheries of the tiles are provided with an elastically compressible joint tape where the joint tape is a closed-cell foamed resin and the joint tape forms a joint at the peripheries of adjacent tiles in an elastically compressed condition when the tiles are applied to the flat floor surface and having elasticity when so compressed for preventing the tiles from moving